



# PERIYAR UNIVERSITY

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NAAC A Grade - State University

## RESEARCH PROMOTION POLICY

### Preamble

Reputation of any educational institution depends on research initiatives, productivity and innovation. A well-defined policy is requisite for carrying out research activities in the University departments, research centres and affiliated institutes. Periyar University possesses a conducive ecosystem for fruitful research and innovation to accomplish the mission, which is governed by this policy, termed "Research Promotion Policy".

### Scope

The research promotion policy ensures quality research, publications in indexed journals and presentations in National / International seminars, invited / lead talks in trainings and meetings. Researchers have freedom to choose their area of research and outcomes that are directly / indirectly useful to the society / industry, finally leading to an enhancement of livelihood options through the process of invention / prototype / patent / incubation / startups / business and entrepreneurial ventures.

### Objectives

- To create a suitable environment and facilities for research
- To foster a quality research culture and innovative pursuits
- To mobilise and manage funds for quality research
- To strengthen interdisciplinary research collaboration at national and international level
- To enhance research outcomes in terms of quality publications, intellectual property rights (IPR), protected products, process, services and its technology transfer
- To raise the University to global standards.

## **Policy Statement**

- The University facilitates researchers through well augmented infrastructure, ambient atmosphere and transparent governance
- The University insists researchers to follow ethics and code of conduct prescribed by the respective agencies while conducting research with animal and human subjects
- The University provides intramural funding and facilities to mobilise extramural grants
- The University promotes interdisciplinary collaborative research and consultancy by identifying thrust areas and expertise
- The University encourages and stipulates the publication of research articles in reputed, indexed and peer reviewed journals (UGC-CARE listed)
- The University provides financial assistance for patenting and IPR related process
- The University provides appropriate recognition to faculty in career promotion and monetary incentives for knowledge sharing and transfer of technology
- The University strives to achieve better national and global ranking, by facilitating quality research to further augment financial resources and attract students from across the world.

## **Responsibility**

### **A. Research Administration**

- A Planning and Development section is established to process the documents related to submission and operation of funded research projects
- Funds for each department to organise national seminars / conferences and to invite renowned professors from national and international universities to strengthen collaboration
- Facilities to do research for renowned professors who are awarded prestigious fellowships after retirement
- Board of Research Studies (BORS) is responsible for implementing UGC guidelines as well as framing guidelines for research supervisor, thus ensuring quality research by scholars
- The grievances of the research scholars and supervisors will be discussed and remedial actions will be initiated based on the resolutions of the BORS



- Research Coordinator, assisted by administrative personnel, supervises the Research and Development wing specifically established to coordinate the research and development activities.
- The regulations governing eligibility for Ph.D. programme, admission procedure, registration details, supervisor assignment, course work details, submission of synopsis / thesis, plagiarism check, thesis adjudication and *viva-voce* are clearly laid out and accessible on the University research portal
- The theses submitted to Periyar University are uploaded in the Shodhganga - a reservoir of Indian theses @ INFLIBNET.

### ***B. Research Incentive Schemes***

The University encourages the faculty members / research scholars to embark on research activities by providing the following supports:

- Faculty members who receive award at State / National / International level are recognised through incentives and honour
- University Research Fellowships and postdoctoral fellowships to the research scholars / research fellows
- Travel assistance to the research scholars for attending conferences, seminars and training programmes abroad
- Seed money to encourage new incumbents for establishing the research laboratory / other facilities
- Travel assistance to the faculty to visit abroad for attending conferences and seminars
- Financial support to the faculty to enroll as a member in professional bodies
- Full salary benefits for faculty members receiving prestigious fellowships for visiting institutions abroad
- Annual research awards for best researcher.

### ***C. Research Ethics***

- The researcher shall follow the ethical code of conduct prescribed by the respective agencies while conducting research with animal and human subjects
- A specific disciplinary committee will investigate research related dishonesty

- Periyar University strictly adheres to the plagiarism policies of the University Grants Commission.

### **Implementation**

Research promotion policy will be executed through a specially constituted committee with the cooperation of researchers.

### **Approval and Review**

The research promotion policy will be reviewed once in three years or as and when required. The Registrar of the University will be the custodian of the policy.

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